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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kiyoshi Sato )  
Serial No. 09/610,558 ) Examiner: William Joseph Klimowicz  
Filing Date: July 5, 2000 ) Group Art Unit No. 2652  
For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD )  
WITH TRACK WIDTH )  
RESTRICTING GROOVE FORMED )  
TO FULLY READ LOWER CORE )  
LAYER, AND MANUFACTURING )  
METHOD FOR THE SAME )

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on March 15, 2004. A Response to Election/Restriction Requirement is being concurrently filed with the present Preliminary Amendment where the invention of